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Woman Charged with Hacking Actress's Email

A New Jersey woman has been charged with hacking the email accounts of actress Selena Gomez and her associate and stealing digital property from them, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Susan Atrach (dob 7/17/96) of Ridgefield Park, N.J., was charged yesterday with five felony counts of identity theft; five felony counts of accessing and using computer data to commit fraud or to control or obtain money, property or data; and one felony count of accessing and using computer data or taking supporting documentation without permission.

She is expected to be arraigned on or before Aug. 27 in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in case BA469469.

The defendant is accused of accessing the victims' accounts several times from June 2015 through February 2016. She then allegedly obtained stored media that she posted online and shared with other people, said Deputy District Attorney Ben Forer of the Cyber Crime Division, who is prosecuting the case.

Atrach faces a possible maximum sentence of nine years and eight months in state prison if convicted as charged. The prosecutor is recommending bail be set at \$250,000.

The case remains under investigation by the District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation.

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